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Dear Sirs,

The Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action Summary and Detailed Action mailed on 12 June 2009.

The examiner contends that claims 1-8 are rejectable under 35USC 112, first paragraph. The examiner contends that there is no support in the original specification for the term "plurality" with reference to the primary ribs that are recited in line 3 of claim 1. This is absurd. Primary ribs 242 are clearly disclosed, for example, on page 7, line 20 of the specification in conjunction with Figures 6(a) and (b). Reference to ribs, thus indicative of the plural, appear throughout the specification. "A plurality of" means more than one. Exactly what is the examiner complaining about?

The examiner complains about the word "different" in line 3 of claim 1. Although there are numerous examples in the specification and drawings, the examiner is referred to page 7, line 16 of the original PCT: "A compound profile refers to two or more different, successive profiles deployed in a single rib or reamer".